

Application No. 10/532,515  
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An external packer ~~(4, 4', 4")~~ for a pipe string ~~(2)~~ in a well ~~(6)~~, the packer ~~(4, 4', 4")~~ being arranged for allowing to lead at least one line ~~(18)~~ to be led seamlessly past this, ~~the packer characterized in that,~~ the packer comprising: ~~(4, 4', 4")~~ consists of

- a continuous inner packer ring ~~(8)~~ and a separate and continuous outer packer ring ~~(10)~~,
- ~~wherein the outer packer ring is adapted to enclose an which in the operating position is placed outside of the inner packer ring ~~(8)~~, enclosing this in a pressure tight manner when in an operating position, and that~~
- ~~wherein the fitting surface of at least one of the packer rings ~~(8, 10)~~ is provided with at least one axially directed and through-going line slot ~~(16, 16')~~, where a slot ~~(16, 16')~~ adapted to receive the encloses a line ~~(18)~~ in a pressure tight manner when in the operating position.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The A packer ~~(4, 4', 4")~~ according to Claim 1, wherein characterized in that the inner packer ring ~~(8)~~ is a separate packer unit.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The A packer ~~(4, 4', 4")~~ according to Claim 1, wherein characterized in that the inner packer ring ~~(8)~~ is integrated as an external ring portion ~~(88, 90)~~ of a pipe ~~(12, 12')~~ in the pipe string ~~(2)~~.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The A packer ~~(4, 4', 4")~~ according to Claim 2, wherein characterized in that the inner packer ring ~~(8)~~ consists of comprises several annular packer components, which, when in their the operating positions, position are fitted together so as to and function as the inner packer ring ~~(8)~~.

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Claim 5 (Currently Amended) TheA packer-(4,4',4") according to Claim 1,  
wherein characterized in that the outer packer ring-(10) consists ofcomprises several  
annular packer components, which, when in theirthe operating positions, position are  
fitted together so as toand function as the outer packer ring-(10).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) TheA packer-(4,4',4") according to Claim 5,  
wherein characterized in that the packer components are assembled in anthe axial  
direction.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) TheA packer-(4,4',4") according to Claim 5,  
wherein characterized in that the packer components are assembled in atthe radial  
direction.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A method of leading at least one continuous line-(18)  
seamlessly past at least one external packer (4,4',4")placed along a pipe string-(2) in a  
well-(6), wherein saidthe at least one line-(18) beingis led to its well position, where in  
which the line is either terminated freelyit has a free termination or is connected to well  
equipment, characterized in that the method comprisingcomprises the following sequential  
steps:

- (a) connecting each packer position along the pipe string-(2) to an inner packer ring or,  
alternatively, constructing each packer position along the pipe stringis connected to or  
constructed with an inner packer ring-(8);
- (b) arranging a number of outer packer rings-(10) is arranged in logical order for  
subsequent and sequential feeding out to the pipe string-(2);
- (c) passing the at least one line-(18) is passed through all of the outer packer rings-(10)  
and further along the pipe string-(2);

- (d) connecting the at least one line-(18) is connected to the inner packer ring-(8) of ~~at the first packer along the pipe string, said first packer forming the deepest packer when and in its the operating position in the well deepest, packer (4, 4', 4")~~;
- (e) passing the most proximate proximal of said outer packer rings-(10) mentioned in step (b), are passed along the at least one line-(18) and onwards to the pipe string-(2);
- (f) pulling the outer packer ring-(10) is pulled over and around the at least one line-(18) and the inner packer ring-(8), whereby the outer packer ring functions as a sealing sleeve around the line and the inner packer ring, and wherein each line-(18) being arranged is placed in an axial, through-going line slot-(16, 16') between ~~respectively~~ the fitting surfaces of the inner packer ring and the outer packer ring rings-(8, 10);
- (g) assembling and running additional pipe piping lengths of the pipe string-(2) are assembled and run into the well-(6) while feeding out the at least one line-(18) is fed out continuously along the pipe string-(2); and that
- (h) repeating steps (d) - (g) for connecting are repeated if the at least one line-(18) is to be connected to several successive packers-(4, 4', 4") along the pipe string-(2).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A method according to Claim 8, wherein the method further comprises: characterized in that  
~~- pre-installing or pre-machining the inner packer rings-(8) are pre-installed or pre-machined on individual pipes-(12, 12')~~ in the pipe string-(2).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A method according to Claim 8, wherein the method further comprises: characterized in that  
~~- delivering the outer packer rings-(10) are delivered from a dispenser-(24), and passing that the at least one line-(18) passes through the outer packer rings-(10) and the dispenser-(24).~~

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Claim 11 (Currently Amended) TheA method according to Claim 8, wherein ~~the~~characterized in that if an outer packer ring (10) comprises several annular packer components, and further comprising the step of arranging the packer components are ~~arranged~~ in logical order for subsequent delivery and assembly thereof of these.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) TheA method according to Claim 11, wherein the method further comprises: ~~characterized in that~~

- feeding individually continuous and flexible spare components after the outer packer rings (10) ~~are followed by individually continuous and flexible spare components that if necessary may be bent in a flexible manner and led past preceding outer packer rings (10).~~

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) TheA method according to Claim 10, ~~eharacterized in~~ that if anywherein the outer packer ring (10) comprises several annular packer components, and further comprising the step of arranging the packer components are ~~arranged~~ in logical order for subsequent delivery and assembly thereof of these.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) TheA method according to Claim 13, ~~eharacterized in~~ that wherein the method further comprises:

- feeding individually continuous and flexible spare components after the outer packer rings (10) ~~are followed by individually continuous and flexible spare components that if necessary may be bent in a flexible manner and led past preceding outer packer rings (10).~~

Claim 15 (New) An external packer for a pipe string in a well, the packer adapted to allow at least one line to be led seamlessly past the packer, the packer comprising:

- a continuous inner packer ring having an inner sealing surface for sealingly enclosing an outside surface of the pipe string in a pressure tight manner;

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- a separate and continuous outer packer sealing ring having an inner sealing surface for sealingly enclosing an outside of the inner packer ring in a pressure tight manner; and
- a fitting surface provided on at least one of the inner and outer packer rings, the fitting surface comprising at least one axially directed and through-going slot adapted to receive the line in a sealed, pressure tight manner when in the operating position.